

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Focus On Asia

In a little over a week's time, the Foreign Ministers of the three major Western powers will be assembling in Bangkok with representatives of a number of democracies in Southeast Asia for the first conference of SEATO created last September at Manila for the defence of the area against Communist expansion. Its purpose is to translate into concrete detail general principles which were then agreed to.

The SEATO conference is one of a number of international meetings taking place in the early months of this year, all of them bearing on problems of Asia and specifically, Communism in the Far East. In London, the meeting of the Commonwealth Premiers has just ended. It provided a valuable opportunity for discussion of the current Far Eastern situation and resulted in the formation of a new Commonwealth defence plan which has a particular emphasis on defence of British territories in the Southeast Asian area.

After the Bangkok conference, the Afro-Asian meeting will take place in Indonesia. The conference represents different approaches to crucial problems of the time and they reflect different sides of a very complex Asian situation. But the results which flow from them may well be complementary.

THE emphasis at the Bangkok conference will be upon organized unity as the best way of deterring Communist aggression. The SEATO system is the natural result of the success of NATO in the West and the hope is that a united front in Asia may produce the same stabilisation in the Far East that it has in the West.

The chief weakness of SEATO is that it is far from representative of Asian nations. All but one of the Colombo Powers remain aloof. It is virtually dominated by five European countries.

The main argument used last September by those who opposed its formation was that whatever may be the record of Communism in Europe, Asian Communists had given no proof that they were planning a serious military attack beyond their borders. The invasion of South Korea would alone seem to belie their beliefs and the Chinese and Russians have repeatedly asserted that the Communist movement is destined to surge all over Asia.

THERE are however other reasons for the reluctance of Asian nations to join SEATO—among them fears of American domination and her diplomatic impetuosity and the intolerance of many of her military commanders. It is difficult to say whether these fears loom as large in the Asian minds today as they did in September. But certainly India is adamantly opposed to the treaty and her influence among the Colombo group has been dominant in the past.

To SEATO nations, however, it is plain America must participate if there is to be a counterweight to the immense power being built up by China and Russia. Though Britain lays great stress by the Bangkok conference it places a greater hope in it because of the context in which it is happening. Peace must be sought in many ways. One way is by building a defence wall around the democracies. At the appropriate time, this may be supplemented by new diplomatic approaches to the other side. That is the way of diplomacy and therein lies the interest of present diplomatic and the chain of conferences.

# SECURITY COUNCIL'S DILEMMA

## Unfruitful Ceasefire Discussions Expected

### Peters Back With BEA

#### RE-EMPLOYED AS "ACT OF GRACE"

London, Feb. 14.

British European Airways agreed late last night, after a twelve-hour meeting, to re-employ a union official and so avert a threatened strike of London Airport engineers.

The official was shop steward Jack Peters, dismissed last December after a union dispute.

Last night, after day-long discussions between airport officials and union leaders, Lord Douglas of Kirtleside, BEA chairman, said that Peters would be re-employed "as a specific act of grace."

A condition of his re-employment is that he will work at Gatwick airport, Surrey, near London.

The dispute had been growing since 315 London Airport engineers, including Peters, were sacked just before Christmas. BEA dismissed them for leaving their jobs to attend a protest meeting against the Corporation's refusal to allow Peters unlimited time for trade union activities during working hours.

But later all the men, except Peters, were either reinstated or left BEA voluntarily.

Peters' appeal for reinstatement was turned down by Lord Douglas, who then appointed an independent three-man tribunal to review the case.

The tribunal found that BEA was justified in sacking the men but advised Lord Douglas to reconsider his verdict on Peters in the light of his contribution to future relations.

When Lord Douglas refused to change his mind the airport engineers decided to strike on Tuesday unless Peters was re-employed.—Reuters.

### Native Police Officer Slain

London, Feb. 13.

Head constable Major Samuwaru Musaka of the Buganda native police, was killed today while leading a party in an attempt to arrest a cat-styled prophet, who has been living up a tree on a hilltop five miles from Kampala Uganda, for two weeks.

Three other policemen were injured. Eleven arrests were made and leaflets were dropped on the hilltop from a light plane declaring it to be a prohibited area.

The "prophet" has drawn large audiences of Africans who have contributed money and animals to help his scheme to bring back the Kabaka (king) of Buganda, exiled by the British Government for non-co-operation.

The "prophet" was still up the tree tonight, surrounded by the small band of followers who have joined him.—Reuters.

### Child's 3 Days And Nights In S. African Bush

Capetown, Feb. 13.

Without food or water a three-year-old native boy spent three days and three nights wandering naked in dense bush near Port Elizabeth, Cape Province, while police searched for him.

When he tottered up to a house in the bush and asked for something to eat and drink, the police had already given up hope of finding him alive.

The European child, said Captain S. W. Koch, would have survived such an ordeal. The boy's parents were out-

London, Feb. 13.

United Nations circles are somewhat embarrassed by the Russian move to take Formosa out of the purview of the Security Council and hand it over to the deliberations of a 10-power conference (heavily weighted with Asian membership).

The Security Council is due to meet tomorrow to resume its discussion of the New Zealand initiative for bringing about a ceasefire in the Formosa Straits, but nobody believes that the Council can do much than exercise its moral influence to this end.

It will have to take note of the summary rejection by Peking of its invitation to join in the discussion. To this has been added the Russian view expressed in Moscow's latest note to London that "lawful and unbiased" discussion is impossible in the Security Council as at present constituted.

From this it would follow that Russia does not intend to pursue the resolution of which it has given notice, and which is still on the Council's agenda, but is still on the American "agendas" to be condemned by a reconstituted Security Council in which Nationalists China would have been replaced by Communist China.

As this change is out of the question at the present, the Council may hear the views of the Western powers and possibly a propaganda blast by the Soviet spokesman, and then be reduced to expressing a pious hope that the parties directly concerned in the Formosa dispute will refrain from provocative action.

On the other hand, it is possible that Russia will follow up her latest move for a 10-power conference by making a similar suggestion before the Security Council.

So long as the Communist proposal seeks to exclude Nationalist China from such a conference the Western world will have no part in it.

WILL REEL OUT

United Nations, Feb. 13. Western diplomats said today that tomorrow's United Nations Security Council meeting on Formosa would "feel out" the form of possible future action but no definitive steps were foreseen at this time.

There was even a lull in the usual weekend diplomatic activity which normally precedes a Security Council meeting.

One Western spokesman described the Monday meeting as "an appraisal of the situation since the Communist rejection of the invitation to discuss a ceasefire. It will be an assessment of the matter to see what form future action may take." The US, Britain and France were reported in agreement on plans for pushing the UN ceasefire item proposed by New Zealand into the background. But it will not be dropped from the Security Council agenda.

"The Formosa situation will remain before the UN in one form or another," said the spokesman.

UN diplomats were heartened by the fact that, despite all the ominous declarations arising over the Formosa situation when

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## PFLIMLIN'S CABINET



M. SCHUMAN

### 7 Names So Far Disclosed

Paris, Feb. 13.

Premier-designate Pierre Pflimlin announced tonight that he had selected the men for most of his Cabinet posts but admitted he was having trouble handing out the other portfolios.

M. Pflimlin told newsmen at the Ministry for Economic Affairs, where he is conducting consultations, that he had decided on the men for the following Ministries: Foreign Affairs, National Defence, Justice, Finance, Interior, Agriculture and Labour.

He said the present problem was the National Education Ministry. He said he had so far been unable to contact the man he wanted as Minister.

Reliable sources said the following men had been chosen: Foreign Ministry: Radical Socialist Rene Mayer.

Justice: Popular Republican (MRP) Robert Schuman.

Finance: Popular Republican (MRP) Jean-Marie Louvel.

Defence: Independent Antoine Pinay.

Interior: Radical Socialist Andre Morice.

Agriculture: Independent Pierre Garo.

Labour: Popular Republican (MRP) Paul Bacon.

"VERY CONFIDENT"

The 48-year-old, blue-eyed, sandy-haired Alsacian said he was still "very confident" he would be able to replace the government of the ex-Premier Pierre Mendes-France. He said he would continue his conversations through much of the night.

"I attacked not only the always difficult problem of distributing the portfolios, but also the political problems posed on this question and which could not be settled as before the revision of the constitution."

"This explains the length of the talks today. I remain very confident. I have obtained the needed answers from all the groups on which I think the government should be based."

United Press.

### Kills Four Men, Then Is Slain

Madrid, Feb. 13.

A man wanted for killing four men in a bar on Saturday night was killed early today in a fight with civil guards at Vitoria, Northern Spain, it was learned here.

The man, a local resident named by the police as Arturo Santa Maria Rinja, 37, was cornered near the town's railway station.

He is alleged to have walked into a Victoria bar last night and without saying a word shot dead a municipal judge, two lawyers and a municipal official at point blank range. Another man was seriously wounded.

The victims were senior Jose Martinez Munoz, acting municipal judge, senior Jose Maria Lejarza, a barrister, senior Francisco Santa Maria Garalza, a solicitor, and his brother, senior Pablo Santa Maria Garalza, a municipal official.

The wounded man, senior Julio Cesar Beiztegui, was rushed to hospital. He had been sitting with the victims in the bar.—Reuters.

### Tankers In Collision

New York, Feb. 13.

Two new tankers, one of them carrying 130,000 gallons of highly explosive aviation gasoline, collided in an early morning fog 15 miles off the Southern California coast today and limped 125 miles to Long Beach under Coast Guard escort.

The vessels, the 18,700-ton Orion Planet, and the smaller Tallulah, both are under contract to the Navy but are operated by civilians. The Orion Planet, which went into service last May, was reported taking on water but was in no danger.

No injuries were reported. A spokesman for the American Pacific Company, operator of the 826-foot Tallulah, said the 47 men aboard the loaded vessel had a narrow escape.

"It's lucky she didn't go up," he said.

The other ship operated by the Orion Shipbuilding and Trading Company Inc. of New York, was carrying only ballast water, she collided with the Tallulah on a voyage from San Francisco to Los Angeles. The Tallulah was bound from Los Angeles for Seattle.

The Orion Planet's master radioed she was leaking badly in three holds, but the situation was "under control." The Tallulah suffered less damage.—United Press.

### Operation Ended

### US Forces To Disperse

Taipei, Feb. 13.

United States naval and air forces which covered the evacuation of the Chinese Nationalists from the Tachens islands were preparing today to return to their normal bases from Formosa.

The Air Force announced that the 18 fighter-bomber wing, flown here from Okinawa for the Tachens operation, will now be withdrawn.

But American fighter aircraft will be sent to Formosa on a rotation basis of one squadron at a time for "familiarisation and training." A small air force headquarters will also remain there.

Vice-Admiral Robert Biscoe, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness, said in Washington yesterday that the Seventh Fleet would soon return to the Philippines area. He added that no American naval units would be based on Formosa ports.

Meanwhile landing craft were still arriving at Keelung, carrying the last Nationalist troops to leave the Tachens.—Reuters.

### UNHURT AFTER 120-FOOT FALL

Paris, Feb. 13.

A French farmer, who fell over 120 feet down a pothole at Lendignac, Central France this morning was found almost unhurt 12 hours later.

The farmer, Marc Joubert, 37, years old, said he became unconscious two hours after his fall. When revived he had no bones broken and no muscles hurt, but was suffering from shock.—France Press.

## Belgian Airliner Missing

### 3 Hours Overdue At Rome

Brussels, Feb. 13.

Belgian Sabena Airlines said tonight they had no news from their DC-6 airliner on the Brussels-Leopoldville (Congo) service three hours after it was due to land in Rome.

The company said that at 7.55 tonight the airliner contacted the Rome control tower giving its position and announcing it was preparing to come in to land.

Since then no news had reached Sabena headquarters in Brussels.

Rome airport officials said they last heard from the airliner just before 8 p.m. local time, when it radioed it was over Civita Vecchia, a small port 40 miles northwest of Rome. The plane was due at Ciampino Airport at 8.15 p.m.

Only four of the passengers were bound for Rome. The rest were booked for Africa. An Airline spokesman said the plane had enough petrol to keep it in the air until 11 p.m.

20 ABOARD

The Sabena company confirmed Rome reports that 21 passengers and eight crew were aboard the missing plane.

A Sabena spokesman said here early today that there were four Americans, one Italian, two French and 14 Belgian passengers aboard the missing plane.

The airline's co-pilot was Patrick McNamara from Britain, the spokesman added.

The spokesman said Miss Marcella Mariani, Italian film actress and Beauty Queen in 1953, was among the plane's passengers. Her last name was "Seno" made with Hollywood's Farley Granger and Alida Valli.

There were three children aboard, he added.—Reuters.

### Two Casablanca Outrages

Casablanca, Feb. 13.

Two Moroccan men have been shot dead in Casablanca in the past 24 hours by gunmen who escaped.

Chama Ben Mohamed Ben Noussi, 50-year-old Moroccan woman, employed at the town hall of a Casablanca suburb, was shot through the head to death in the shanty town district.

Si Larbi Bel Hadj Djilali, 55-year-old municipal official, was shot in the back last night while talking with friends in the corn market.—Reuters.

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## BAN ON DRUGS

Consumption Rises  
In Australia  
STATE GOVERNMENTS  
TAKE ACTION

Sydney, Feb. 13.

The New South Wales Government has passed an Act which will ban the sale of heroin and give the Government power to deal with other drugs sold here.

These measures will help to reduce drug-taking, and particularly the consumption of heroin, until recently the largest in Australia.

Other States are taking or have taken similar measures.

Heroin has hitherto been available on prescription and drug addicts forced up the consumption of this, the most vicious drug of addiction known to man.

## CONSUMPTION

In 1949, Australians were taking 2.85 kilograms (nearly 5 lbs.) of heroin per 1,000,000 inhabitants a year — compared with Finland's 1.98 kilograms (nearly 4 lbs.) and the United Kingdom's 1.79 kilograms (about 3½ lbs.).

The position was so serious that the United Nations drug control body drew the attention of the Australian Government to the danger.

In June 1953, the Federal Government ordered a ban on imports of heroin. But this drug can be manufactured from morphine, which can be freely imported. So the Federal Government asked the State Government to plug the gap.

Synthetic drugs have replaced heroin in medicine and it is not now required for that purpose.

Alarming drug statistics do not, however, mean that drug addiction is as serious in Australia as it is in, say, the United States.

## 65 PROSECUTIONS

In New South Wales, with a population of more than 3,000,000 there were 65 prosecutions for drug offences in the past year.

Customs and police efforts have broken up the organized drug trafficking of the 1920's in Australia. The "popular" drugs, marijuana and opium, are almost unknown here. Scummen manage to smuggle a little ashore but only one opium smoker, a Chinese, was caught in the year.

Sydney drug detectives say that one of the most dangerous drugs in Australia is morphine, which gives the taker "relaxation, ease and warmth" and is dangerous because it may easily cause a relapse.

One Australian case was a doctor who got the drug habit and was "sacked off the rolls."

## JOINED NAVY

During the war, he joined the navy, tried to rehabilitate himself and succeeded in doing without the drug.

After the war, he was registered provisionally and eventually won himself his full rights as a doctor again. Then suddenly, and for no apparent reason, he began to take morphine and cocaine again.

Hungarian  
Government  
Criticised

Vienna, Feb. 13.

Hungarian Vice-Premier Mr. Hidas today harshly criticised the Nagy Government, and stressed the need for Hungary to increase her military strength, Radio Budapest said tonight.

Addressing a meeting held to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the liberation of Budapest by the Red Army, at the Budapest Opera House, Mr. Hidas complained that Hungarian industry had not developed much during 1954.

In his speech, the Vice-Premier said the state of affairs was unsatisfactory and must be remedied.

Hungary could reach her objectives if her industry continued to increase its production, he said.

Mr. Hidas called on Hungarians to increase their vigilance because the "imperialist powers" were "increasing their military strength" and had not abandoned their "adventurous" plans. —France-Press.

Barbiturates, used as sleeping draughts, are another menace in Australia. These cause the drug bureau more worry than any other compound.

"Barbiturates kill three times as many people in New South Wales as any other drug or poison," say the detectives.

Addicts are sometimes stimulated by the sleep-giving drugs, but more often they suffer from depression, loss of memory and fall into a state of automatism. Control of barbiturate prescriptions here is tight, but addicts fake symptoms or forge prescriptions to get the drugs many of which, including morphine and some barbiturate, can be obtained free under Australian medical services.

Police have a double check on all prescriptions because the chemist making them up has to enter each in a special register. Failure to keep the register may lead to a cancellation of the chemist's authority to sell drugs.

## MAXIMUM NUMBER

Prescriptions themselves must bear the date, name and address of the patient and the maximum number of times the drug may be dispensed — they must also show the intervals between dispensings and must be signed each time the drugs are provided.

But the fight against drugs here, as in most countries, is never-ending and police welcome the new controls as another weapon in their armoury. —China Mail Special.



Princess Margaret replies to an address of welcome on her arrival at Piarco Airport, Trinidad. Standing beside her is Major-General Sir Hubert Rance, Governor of Trinidad. —Express Photo.

Homemade Flags  
For Princess

PRINCESS Margaret, now heading north from Barbados in the Royal yacht Britannia, is due at St John's, Antigua, today.

AND the happy folk of this rum and arrowroot producing island are worried. The flags and decorations they ordered from Britain were delayed and they have had to make do with materials already here.

ANTIGUA has been ransacked for flags and decorations to brighten the white-washed homes and public buildings. Will the Princess notice? Everyone is asking.

REGINALD Henry, the island's poet, and music teacher Bertha Higgins have written a song of welcome to commemorate the Royal visit. It will be sung by 6,000 children at a rally here today.

THE Princess will spend the night on the Britannia. From the port holes of her cabin she will see great bonfires burning all over the island to mark her visit.

TOMORROW she is driving over to English Harbour, where Lord Nelson served while stationed here. —China Mail Special.

New Cobalt  
Bomb  
TreatmentLos Angeles, Feb. 13.  
The world's first television-controlled, radioactive cobalt bomb for treating deep-seated cancers had gone into operation at Cedars of Lebanon hospital, it was announced today.

Dr. Henry L. Jaffe, in charge of radiation at the hospital, said the bomb, equipped with its television control mechanism, was expected to provide advantages over older methods of treating cancers on which surgery cannot be used.

The bomb, first of its type in this country, provides complete rotation for both patients and its rays. It can be more precisely controlled, and therefore it should be possible to give huge doses of radiation without injury to the patient.

Dr. Jaffe said a patient might be given twice the dosage usually thought safe in a given period. The device is expected to cause less skin burns and radiation sickness.

Rays from the \$100,000 cobalt bomb are so powerful they could be duplicated only by \$30,000,000 worth of radium, more than the world's supply, the spokesman said. —United Press.

Ancient Hebrew  
Scrolls Bought  
By Israel Trust

Jerusalem, Feb. 13.

The Israeli National Trust has bought four of the seven full length leather scrolls, believed to date back to the first century and found by Bedouins in a cave near the Dead Sea in 1947, the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett announced today.

The price was not disclosed but sources close to the Prime Minister said it was more than a quarter of a million dollars (about £90,000).

Three of the scrolls were bought in 1948 by the Hebrew University. The other four came into the possession of St. Mark's Monastery.

The Israeli National Trust has now bought the remaining four from Mar Samuel, Syrian Archbishop of the Monastery.

IN NEW YORK  
The sale was effected in New York where Mar Athanasius Samuel had offered them for disposal.

Professor Benjamin Mazar, President of the Hebrew University described the seven scrolls today as "the greatest biblical treasure in the whole world."

The four scrolls are:  
1. The entire Book of Isaiah, believed to be 1,000 years older than any Old Testament manuscript known by scholars.  
2. A manual of discipline of a Jewish sect believed to be the

Essenes which flourished in the first century A.D.

3. A commentary on the Prophecies of Habakkuk.  
4. A very brittle scroll known as the "revelations to Lamech" now being deciphered by scholars of the Hebrew University.

## IN CLIFF

The cave where the scrolls were found by a shepherd seeking a missing goat is high in a cliff in an almost inaccessible position near the northern end of the Dead Sea. It is close to Khirbet Qumran.

The shepherd unsuccessfully tried to sell the scrolls to a dealer for £20. —Reuter.

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## Further East-West Talks Urged By Prof Hahn

Bonn, Feb. 13.

Professor Otto Hahn, Nobel Prize winner and one of West Germany's leading nuclear scientists, today called for further East-West negotiations to attempt to remove international tension and prevent war.

Humanity was rapidly moving to the stage where it could wipe itself out, he said in a broadcast over the Northwest German Radio.

### NO LIMIT

Berlin, London or New York could be destroyed by a single modern hydrogen bomb. There was no limit to the size of such bombs, he said.

It had been estimated in the United States that ten large hydrogen bombs, coated with the radioactive substance cobalt 60, would "seriously endanger" the future existence of humanity itself, regardless of where they were dropped.

Calling for international control of all nuclear weapon development, Professor Hahn said cobalt 60 was easy and cheap to produce. It could be put to excellent and revolutionary peaceful uses.

A quantity of cobalt 60 with radiating properties equal to one gramme of radium would cost today between 400 and 500 marks (about 33 pounds to 42 pounds sterling) whereas one gramme of radium used to cost between 100,000 and 200,000 marks before the war.—Reuter.

### HOT MUSIC

Sydney, Feb. 13.

Sweating in 100 degrees of heat at Sydney's Randwick Racecourse, bandmen with their instruments took turns away from the sun. They were too hot to touch.

The instruments had to be cooled off in buckets of cold water before the band could begin its programme.—China Mail Special.

### POLISH PROTEST OVER SHIPS

Warsaw, Feb. 13.

The Polish Government has sent another protest to the United States Government against the detention of two Polish merchant ships in Far Eastern waters.

The Polish vessels, the *Przemska* and the *President Gotwald*, were detained in Far Eastern waters last year. The Polish Government, which had protested before, sent a fresh note to the U.S. yesterday.—France-Press.

### "Sinners' File" For Drivers

Frankfurt, Feb. 13.  
West German traffic authorities are planning to establish a "sinners' file" in a drive against the mounting number of traffic accidents on German roads. The file would contain "conduct" cards for West Germany's 4,800,000 drivers which would be checked each month. Habitual offenders would be noted. It also would provide a means of preventing drivers barred from the road in one area from going to another State or province to take out a new driving licence.

The West German Automobile Association has informed the Government, however, that it opposes the plan and says it would hinder research.—United Press.

### WOMAN MOTOR MECHANIC

Wellington, Feb. 13.

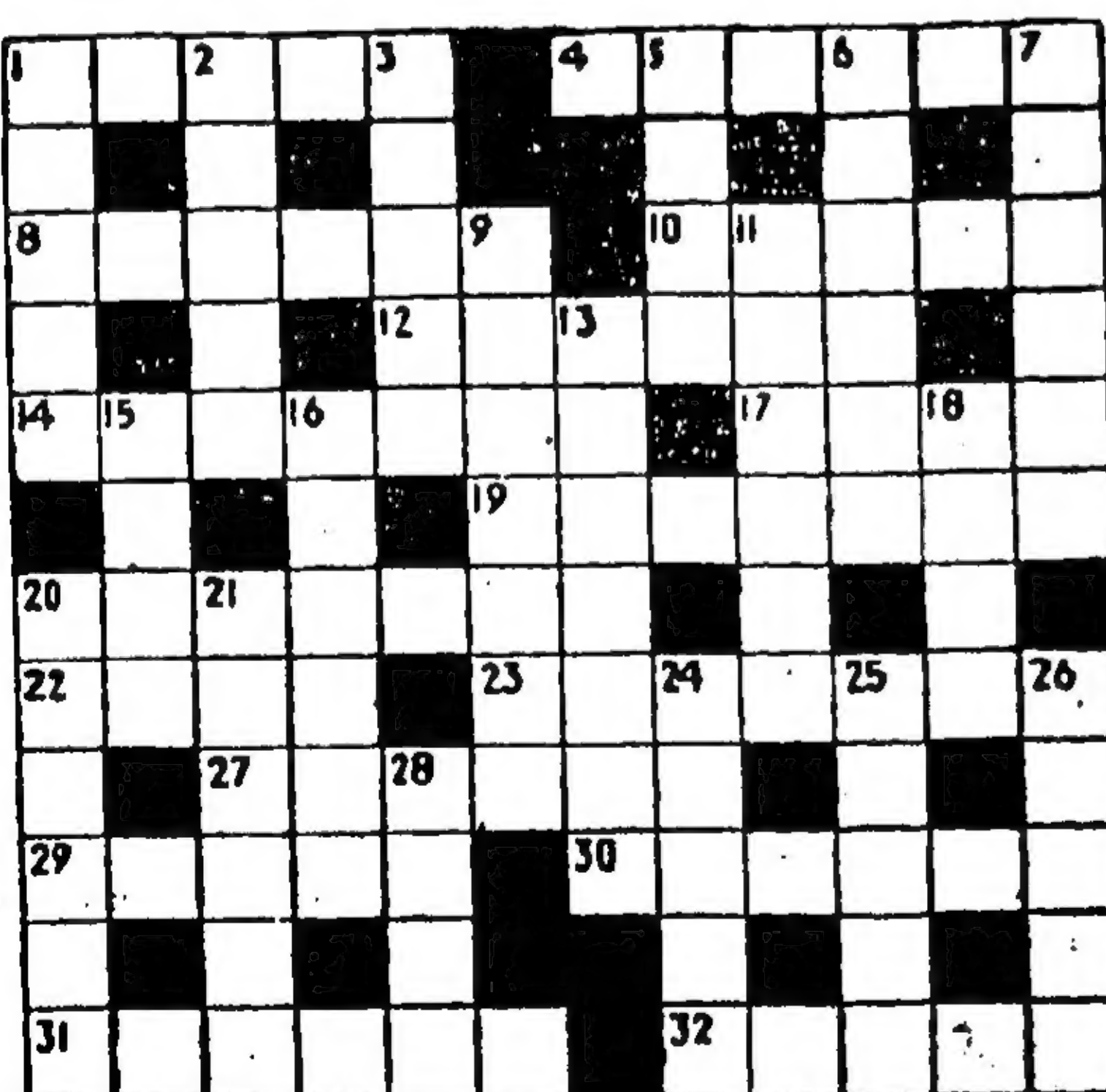
Dunedin (New Zealand) housewife Mrs. Sybil Lupp has long been known as a racing motorist in New Zealand sports car circles and has now become New Zealand's only full time woman motor mechanic.

About 10 yards away from the back door of her home, Mrs. Lupp has established a six-car garage, specialising in the maintenance of sports cars and fast cars in general.

She owns and races New Zealand's fastest sports car, a Jaguar capable of 140 miles an hour. As a girl, Mrs. Lupp was impressed by her father's interest in high-powered cars—he still runs a Bentley—and from this grew her hobby. She took correspondence courses in engines and engine maintenance and finished up with a degree in the maintenance and operation of these engines. An attractive blonde and the mother of two children, Mrs. Lupp still finds time to manage her own home as well as her thriving business.—China Mail Special.

Stockholm, Feb. 13.  
Rubber truncheons filled with tear gas released by trigger device, were recommended for use by Swedish taxi drivers against holdup men in a report to the Minister of Communications by a committee of experts.—China Mail Special.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Droll (5).
  - 4 Residences (6).
  - 8 Display ostentatiously (6).
  - 10 Angry (5).
  - 12 In high spirits (6).
  - 14 Told (7).
  - 17 Give up (4).
  - 19 Tones (7).
  - 20 Orderly (7).
  - 22 Periods (4).
  - 23 Fine woven fabrics (7).
  - 27 Be contrite (6).
  - 29 Tolerant (5).
  - 31 On (5).
  - 32 Skins (5).
- DOWN**
- 1 Antic (5).
  - 2 Ethical (5).
  - 3 Embryo officer (5).
  - 5 Food to entice prey (4).
  - 6 Tiana (6).
  - 7 Views (6).
  - 9 Exalt (7).
  - 11 Is repented (6).
  - 13 Whipping (7).
  - 15 Always (4).
  - 16 Divers (6).
  - 18 Valley (4).
  - 20 Pastes on (6).
  - 21 Showy (6).
  - 24 Denude (5).
  - 25 Custom (5).
  - 26 Casts off (5).
  - 28 Fruit (4).

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.**—Across: 3 Adapting, 8 Trup, 9 Resigned, 11 Mediator, 3 Trup, 15 Director, 16 Week, 21 Vineyard, 25 Tormentor, 26 West, 27 Hostile, Down: 1 Sides, 2 Laid, 4 Dist, 6 Pair, 6 Inner, 7 Giddy, 9 Rated, 10 Sover, 12 Elite, 14 Odour, 16 Timid, 17 Refer, 18 Watch, 20 Acres, 21 Vest, 22 Noon, 23 Amen, 24 Dale.

## Armoured Equipment Will Be Used For First Time SMALL WARHEADS

Las Vegas, Nevada, Feb. 13.

The U.S. Federal Commission for Atomic Energy's fifth series of atomic tests will begin next Tuesday on the testing grounds at Yucca Flat, near Las Vegas.

The trials will consist mainly in the testing of small atomic warheads for radio-controlled missiles and atomic appliances of greater dimensions than those tested in Nevada in the spring of 1953 will not be used.

One of the aims of these trials is the perfecting of the 11-inch shells for Annie, the 280 mm. atomic cannon, although it is not known whether Annie herself will be used, or only smaller firing pieces.

Nine thousand troops will take part in the experiments, which will bring the total of atomic - instructed American soldiers to 30,000. Army and Marine detachments will again be in trenches near the scene of the explosions.

### ARMOUR'D EQUIPMENT

For the first time armoured equipment will also be used.

Operation Teapot, the name given to this new series of experiments, will be watched by members of the Senate and House Commissions for Atomic Energy, civil defence officials and for certain tests around mid-April - by representatives from industry, the press, radio and television.

The atomic explosions, which will be spaced out over a period

of 10 weeks, will be entirely aerial at a height of 100 metres (about 300 feet) or 100 metres (500 feet) in order to minimise the possibility of atomic showers. Security measures have been reinforced, and a dozen anti-radiation stations have been set up within a radius of 300 kilometres of Yucca Flat to protect the inhabitants of Nevada and Utah from atomic showers, while thousands of leaflets have been handed out in these areas.

During certain parts of Operation Teapot military and domestic equipment will be tried out, such as dwelling-houses, new types of shelters, new steel and aluminium industrial buildings, telephone lines, gas piping, electrical fixtures, food products and so on.

### LESS POWERFUL

The charges which will be exploded at Yucca Flat—and also at nearby Frenchman Flat—will be relatively small—about five times less powerful than the first atomic bomb dropped on Japan in 1945.

The experiments in the Pacific were with much more powerful material. For example, the biggest American atom bomb is 25 times bigger than the first American bomb, that is to say equivalent to 500,000 tons of TNT, while the H-Bomb generates explosive power which can only be expressed in millions of tons of TNT.—France-Press.

## Australians Should Not Be Sent To Malaya MELBOURNE PAPER

Melbourne, Feb. 14.  
In a front-page editorial headed "Keep out of Malaya," the Argus today (Monday) said the mere presence of Australian troops in Malaya could be used as a basis for hostile Communist propaganda in Asian countries, whose goodwill was "vital" to Australia.

The paper said there were strong indications that Australia would send a token force to Malaya for internal police duty against Communist terrorists. The military value of such a force would be negligible and when the dollar earning capacity of the Malayan peninsula inevitably waned Britain could be expected to withdraw.

"When Britain eventually withdraws Australia must not be left holding the colonial 'baby,'" the paper said.—Reuter.

### Husband Kills Family And Lover

Seoul, Feb. 13.

A husband in jealous rage murdered his wife, his three-year-old son and his wife's lover with an axe and then hanged himself at a small village in Kangwon Province, it was reported today.

They said that Kim Man Koo, a 41-year-old farmer, was "filled with jealousy" when he learned that his wife Yoo Yoo Jin, 38, has been carrying on a love affair with a neighbour. Police said that Kim in a "fit of anger" at once struck and killed his wife and baby with an axe.

He then went to the home of his wife's lover and murdered him with the same axe. Kim staggered to a nearby hill and hanged himself from a tree.—United Press.

## A-Power Project Established Fact In China

By FRANCIS LARA

Peking, Feb. 13.

Atomic energy is no longer being planned, it is already a project in Communist China.

Details are a close secret but the usual current of well-informed rumour that enlivens Peking insists that at least one well-equipped atomic research centre is situated in Sinkiang.

It is said also that many of the new power plants designed to transform the country's economy are being built on "atomic" lines.

### BEHIND DEFIANCE

Atom bombs are already discerned behind the sudden Communist defiance of the United States Seventh Fleet. The Chinese Communists threatened to hit back with atom bombs during the Tachen evacuation if the Americans used these first.

It has been no secret in Communist China for the past six months that the USSR had provided the Peking Government with a small stock of atom bombs and with planes to drop these.

The main emphasis is laid, however, on the peaceful uses of atomic power. For, however belligerent the Chinese Communists may seem, they do not wish to engage in an atomic war which could hit the nation with devastating effect.

They see, instead, a mighty source of cheap power which will thrust them rapidly into the hoped-for industrial domination of Asia.

The only official news of the programme came in an announcement from Moscow that the Soviet Union intended to assist its allies in atomic developments.

### THIRD DOWN LIST

Communist China was third down the list. But the fact that Premier Chou En-lai publicly welcomed the Soviet offer proved that this was no mere propaganda measure to the Eisenhower Atomic Pool Plan.

China's leading atomic scientist, now in Peking, joined in the chorus of praise. Most of Communist China's atomic scientists have been trained in the Soviet Union and some only recently returned from the USSR.

The State Council of the People's Republic emphasised that scientists, engineers and workers of Communist China could, with Soviet help, swiftly master the technique of utilising atomic energy.

Such a peaceful programme, based on international co-operation, could only promote the development of human civilisation, the State Council stated.

Great stress is laid on the fact that Russia criticises the peaceful uses of atomic power. The United States President Eisenhower's atomic offer notwithstanding is condemned for "warlike mongering."

The few people who will even mention anything as top secret as harnessing the atom admit that a vast propaganda could double the present happy pace of industrial expansion.

Communications are still China's main headache, despite the steady improvement of rail-

roads, as transportation of the thermian fuel and electric power, is retarding production.

### IN DESERT

Hydro-electricity is not the answer to the vast arid regions of Western China. Atomic power will enable new industries to blossom in the Gobi Desert, inaccessible Szechuan, primitive Mongolia and myrtle Tibet.

It will also develop a new industrial potential well beyond the range of carrier-borne American bombers. And that, in China's present mood, is a strategic necessity.—France-Press.

### Legacy Of Hiroshima

Hiroshima, Feb. 13.

A 16-year-old school boy's death marked the second fatality this year from the effects of the atomic bomb that destroyed this city nearly 10 years ago, according to Japanese reports today.

Kyodo News Agency reported that Masao Kagawa, a senior high school student, died on Thursday after being taken to hospital with acute myeloid leukaemia.

It said that his leucocyte white blood corpuscle count reached 250,000 before his death—the normal count is 8,000.

When the atomic bomb was dropped, the boy escaped with only facial cuts and bruises.—United Press.

## British Film Academy Awards For 1954

London, Feb. 13.

Premier award as the best film from any source in the British Film Academy's 1954 list has been won by the French-Italian production "Wages of Fear" (Le Salaire de la Peur) it was announced today.

The award for the best foreign actor goes to Marlon Brando of America for his performance in the Hollywood film "On the Waterfront" a study of graft and corruption in New York's dockland.

Connie Buchner of Germany was judged the best foreign actress for her performance in the British film "The Divided Heart." This film, about the legend of a Yugoslav mother seeking to reunite her refugees from German foster parents, was given a special United Nations award. Its other female star, Yvonne Mitchell, took the award for the best British actress.

Only one American film figures in the list—"Time out of War," a twenty-minute "short" set against a background of the American Civil War. Britain's "The Young Lovers" receives the award for the best screen play. Other awards go to "The Great Adventure" (Sweden), best documentary, and "Song of the Prairie" (Czechoslovakia), best animated film.

The male "Oscar" for the best British actor goes to Kenneth More, who starred in "Doctor in the House" and the award for the best British film to "Hobson's Choice" starring Charles Laughton and John Mills.—Reuter.

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## British Attitude On Formosa

SWING OF OPINION  
TOWARDS AMERICA

By JAMES WICKENDEN

A SHARP division is growing among British leaders over the Formosan crisis. While left wing extremists have lined up with Attlee in condemning the Americans and Chiang Kai-shek, Nehru agrees with Eden that Peking does not have the right to Formosa.

This is the first major occasion that Attlee has himself said out of time with Nehru, India's leader, stands by the Commonwealth Premier, and is calling for their common date with Peking.

As a clearer light is thrown on the true state of affairs in Formosa and in the small risk of major war, opinion against the left wing group in Britain is hardening.

Attlee's attempt to make an election issue out of Formosa looks like back-firing.

An increasing flow of news from Formosa shows that the island is more united and contented than Communist propaganda would lead one to expect. The lack of news of the Chinese past, his regime has been led by American advice to an enlightened and popular policy.

In the winter of argument two trends are emerging. One is to accept the idea of two Chinas, and the other is to off-pedal further peace moves in case they embarrass the United States.

If the Americans are successful in sealing off Formosa without falling into Communist pitfalls or Nationalist inlets to war, a wave of pro-American feeling in Britain can be predicted.

It is being realised that Communist propaganda about Formosa has cleverly exploited the C. C. and P. is an declaration, which declared that the island should "go back to China".

This assumption that Formosa has always been part of China has never been questioned in Britain until these last few days. Now there are doubts.

In fact Formosa is traditionally a separate China. It has been populated by waves of emigrants fleeing from mainland despotism since the 17th century. The mainland has never in history ruled more than a third of it, the coastal plain. In any case, government was superficial.

The non-Chinese tribes, who occupy two-thirds of the mountainous interior, have never acknowledged Peking. Unlike the timid aboriginals in central Malaya, they have a tradition of looking for themselves. At present there is a strong Christian movement among them, fostered by their own missionaries.

In fact, it is said, Formosa has no more connection with mainland China than Ceylon has to India; and the contrast is accentuated by Formosa's efficient land reform. It has proved so popular that Burma has copied the system.

All this is exposing the political and military propaganda war waged by Peking. In fact, the Formosan situation is now being seen in London as nothing more than another phase of the Communist revolt against the Kuomintang.

Compared with the slogans of the first revolution of the mainland, current Communist policy does not seem to have changed. But the Kuomintang has cleaned itself up and grown strong.

The general opinion in Britain is that the Quemoy and Matsu islands are the only remaining problem, after which Peking must calm down.

If this is correct, it is felt in Britain that a great blow will have been struck in the South-east Asian war of nerves. Communism will have been exposed as human and fallible. The idea of irresistible Communist ad-

vance will be exploded. Two Chinas will be plainly visible.

The eventual outcome is bound to lead to heated argument in Parliament over Britain's attitude to Peking and to Chiang Kai-shek. For at least in Foreign Office circles, there is a sense of having been smacked in the face by its protégé—Peking—by its refusal to a ceasefire.

THE MEAT  
IN THE  
SANDWICHfrom  
RENE MacCOLL

Grenada. WHAT a change has come over Eric ("Uncle") Gailey, erstwhile rabble-rousing labour boss of Grenada and former tough-talking southerner.

He not only attended a garden party given in Princess Margaret's honour at Government House here in St. George's—but sat down to a sort of nursery tea for the top 20 guests and the Princess.

His pencil-thin form was encased in an immaculate cream-coloured lounge suit that might have come from Savile Row. A huge, white silk handkerchief leaned out of his breast pocket. His dark face was enlivened by a Clark Gable mustache and dainty sideburns.

His manner was thoughtful, relaxed and contemplative.

He's Loyal

He told me: "I yield to no one in my admiration for Princess Margaret. I am loyal through and through. So is this entire Colony. We are proud of the British connection."

This was the man whom I heard deliver a violent and rabble-rousing speech here in this British Caribbean colony less than four years ago after violence had flared in the sugar plantations and extra police had been called in from neighbouring Colonies.

Then his language was inflammatory and fierce. His references to Britain were scathing.

Today handsome, well-tailored Gailey is a member of the Colony's Council. He acknowledges his responsibilities. He admits things have greatly improved for the workers.

And no longer does Gailey represent only the extremist interests of his Manual and Mental Workers' Union. Today he is more than the adept mediator. "Call me the meat in the sandwich, with the slices of bread being the workers and the authorities," he says.

## ROBERT OTTAWAY PROBES THE LAWRENCE RUMPU

HE'S STILL A HERO  
TO CHURCHILL

IT'S as shattering as if someone were to say that Nelson knew nothing about the sea and didn't even kiss Hardy... Lawrence of Arabia, the man the world thought was just a little less than an archangel, proclaimed as "a hoaxter," "a fraud" and a liar!

Is there any defence to Richard Aldington's attack? I call Sir Winston Churchill who wrote such a moving and eloquent tribute when Lawrence died in 1935.

And who said that he stands by every word of it.

Then Churchill wrote: "I deem him one of the greatest beings alive in our time."

If Aldington is right, then Churchill was fooled—the victim of a posturing charlatan who ruthlessly deceived friends and government to feed his own vanity.

## SNEERS

But the "prince" was only a poseur, says Aldington.

And Aldington has certainly found quite a few discrepancies in the tale of Lawrence.

For instance, Lawrence claimed that he had a racing bicycle specially built for him by Lord Nuffield's own hands. Lord Nuffield ought to know—but he doesn't. He says that he gave up making bicycles years before.

Shaky points like that build up the Aldington case.

He sneers that "Lawrence claimed that he had been filled with the idea of freeing people and had chosen Arabs as the only suitable ones left."

He wonders why, if that were the case, Lawrence was content with a desk job in Cairo for two years of the war and showed no yearning to go where the bullets were flying.

## LIMELIGHT

Lawrence refused to be decorated by King George V, ostensibly to draw attention to the Arabs' plight. Even Churchill thought that at the time it was a "monstrous" snub to the King.

Aldington says that it gave Lawrence much more publicity to refuse than to accept—and publicity was food and drink to him. He quotes Lord Allenby, Middle East C.-in-C. during that war, to the effect that Lawrence "thinks himself a hell of a soldier, and likes posturing in the limelight."

Yet Churchill had said: "Home, money, comfort, fame, power itself—meant little or nothing to him."

To millions who have never read it, Lawrence's fame rests on one book, "Seven Pillars of Wisdom." "It is fact, not fiction," says Churchill.

Yet over and over again, Aldington discounts its accuracy.

He says that Lawrence, as a military strategist, made plans that came near to ruling the entire Arab army.

In this book Lawrence is diminished to a pathetic neurotic, bathed in a "golden mist of spurious glamour."

How was the mist fabricated? By a man called Lowell Thomas, who wrote a book in praise of Lawrence.

Though Lawrence himself said that he found the ensuing glory distasteful, that, says Aldington, was a pose. Otherwise, why should he have given Thomas the material to launch the legend.

Well, there you have it. Believe Aldington, and you have to believe in one of the hoaxers of all time.

## CAUTION

Believe Churchill, and you have to believe in a saint whose only flaw was impatience with those who didn't live up to his own high ethic.

You must make your own verdict. My own is clear:

I find Lawrence the man "not guilty," and Lawrence the legend deserving of a severe caution.

Why? Because I do not believe in "miracle men." But, also, I do not believe that men like Churchill could have been misled by the fakes and phony tales of Lawrence's life. Lawrence out to be.



"This'll shake you, Farquharson—instead of the formal speech of welcome I'm going to sing a Calypso."

London Express Service

MEET CANADA'S NEXT  
PRIME MINISTER

By Les Armour

Canada is well on the way to becoming one of the world's great powers. Soon her Premier—aging, internationally respected Louis St. Laurent—must retire. His most likely successor is a youthful, back-room scholar called Jack Pickersgill, who has risen to prominence so quickly that few Canadians know much about him and the outside world has hardly heard his name. Here is one of the first profiles on a man who may soon be making headlines.

United States, is well on the way to becoming a major force in world affairs.

So Jack is worth knowing. His real name is John Whitney Pickersgill. But the John has been "Jack" so long that it's no longer of any importance, and the Whitney part provides just a convenient middle initial.

As for the Pickersgill, people only remember it

when they meet the man face to face. In casual conversation, Jack is enough to identify him in Canada.

But there is something about him which makes you call him "Mr. Pickersgill" when you find yourself sitting on the other side of his desk.

It is that "something" which makes Canadians respect him, fear him, hate him or admire him accordingly to taste—and leaves a majority of them little doubt that he is either the obvious or the inevitable choice for Canada's next leader.

## Westwards

PERHAPS the explanation lies in his background.

He was born in the little Ontario town of Wexham 49 years ago. But 1905 was a year when Canadians were deciding by thousands that wealth lay in the rich rolling wheatlands to the west, and his family moved shortly afterwards to Manitoba.

His father died of wounds in the First World War, but his mother saw a future for her son and decided he should go to the University of Manitoba.

He distinguished himself there, and the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire gave him a grant to move on to Oxford.

Soon he was back at Manitoba as a lecturer in history. Academicians nodded that young Pickersgill would be a great historian.

## Anomalous

HE saw glory in other places and shocked everyone in 1937 by applying for a job with the Canadian Department of External Affairs. The Department, knowing a good thing when they saw one, were about to send him abroad as a diplomat when Prime Minister Mackenzie King stepped in and said "no."

He wanted a secretary—and Pickersgill was the man. That began a distinguished but anomalous career. He remained on the External Affairs payroll. But secretaries to Canadian Prime Ministers are more confidential advisers than civil servants. And Jack was

even less of a civil servant than most.

He soon demonstrated his political astuteness. By the beginning of the war, Mackenzie King was coming to rely heavily on him. He mapped policies, charted courses around political storms, and got to know everybody who was anybody.

And his "inside" experiences had left him with a fund of information and know-how far in excess of that of any but a handful of the professionals. In his first year as Deputy Prime Minister, he got a rough ride from all sides of the House. But he came through it unruined, and his critics all too often found that they had just been making fools of themselves.

In the last Cabinet reshuffle he became Minister of Citizenship and Immigration—the department which plans Canada's long term future. But his influence extends far beyond his department.

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Jack At His Desk

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The idea wasn't a success. Cabinet Ministers found that Pickersgill was doing more directing than recording and, even though they liked him and usually ended by taking his advice, they felt that the Cabinet Secretary ought to be neutral.

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Liberal MPs were less happy. Pickersgill's entry into active politics seemed to kill a good many political aspirations.

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## SATURDAY'S RUGGER

# Police Fully Deserved To Beat The Once All-Powerful Club

Says "PAK LO"

For the first time in two seasons the Police Rugby XV fully deserved to, and did indeed, win their match against the once all-powerful Club XV at Boundary Street on Saturday afternoon by 8 points (1 goal, 1 penalty goal) to 5 points (1 goal) in a game, which, while it was not in itself a great example of good rugger, was as exciting an spectacle here will see for many a long day.

As a curtain raiser the Army, as expected, overcame the Navy by 15 points (2 tries, 3 penalty goals) to 5 points (1 goal), although, on the general run of play the Army can safely be said to have been flattered by the final score.

In Saturday's edition mention was made that Marsh was a doubtful starter for the Police side. This turned out to be the case, but what a wonderful substitute the Police found in Moss!

Moss is one of their star players, but he has played rugby before and, if only the Police selectors can persuade him to turn out for rugger in the future, with Marsh they will have the makings of a very fine three line.

In the game itself the police three did not see much of the ball, thanks to the strenuous efforts of the Club pack who fought as hard as they were able.

When they did get the ball they ran straight upfield, practically every three-kick at least five yards.

Everyone of the Police back deserves praise, and they will get it as far as this column goes. They played extremely well, and in defence kicked like hell. The Police pack did well to hold the superior Club pack as much as they did not their heels, while it was not a numerically great as the Club's, was with they got the ball much smarter and faster.

**INSIPID BACK PLAY**  
The Club lost because of insipid back play. A well known Club ex-player was heard to mutter at the end of the game, "If I had a gun I'd shoot the lot and start from scratch to build a new back seven."

While his methods are a little drastic, his viewpoint will be understood for the three were hopeless. Passes were flung in any and all directions and though the three ran straight it was straight across the field.

Every time the forwards sent the ball back the Club lost ground, and the forwards had to rally round to save the day. In the second half Petrie dropped back to full back, and this stopped the Police attacks to a large extent, but did not greatly help the Club's attack.

Petrie time and again made the extra man in the three, but as his teammates still ran across field the result was a bunching towards one wing.

When Petrie went off on his own the Club gained ground, but the other three were never up with him, thus the advantage gained was quickly lost.

The Club pack, slightly weakened by the temporary loss of Talano, did its level best, it heeded, wheeled, took the ball at its feet, did short passing movements, but sooner or later had to give the ball out, and the backs flittered away their opportunities.

For the Club, Kerr was the best in the forwards, with Petrie showing up best in the second half. The whole three line of the Police, and Carpenter at full back shone.

**A JOY TO WATCH**  
Perry and Shelley were best in the forwards and Lloyd had an outstanding day at scrum half. His covering of Cole was a joy to watch and he forced Cole into many tactical errors.

Play stayed midfield for quite some time after the start, with the Police three, even at this early stage looking dangerous. Then in the middle of the Club were given a kick for off-side and Petrie found touch.

## Four Changes In Irish XV To Meet Scotland

London, Feb. 13. Jackie Kyle, the Irish Rugby Union outside-half, who has made 34 international appearances, has been dropped from Ireland's team to meet Scotland at Murrayfield on February 20. This is one of four changes from the side that drew 6-6 with England at Dublin on Saturday. The others are: S. J. McCormick, T. H. Thompson, a scrum-half; R. H. Thompson for R. Kavanagh in the back row; and D. McSweeney at wing-forward for J. S. McCarthy.

Kyle is replaced by Seamus Kelly, capped twice last year. Thompson would have captained the side on Saturday but stood down because of illness. The team: W. Tector, R. Roche, N. A. Henderson, A. L. O'Reilly, A. C. Pedlow, S. Kelly, S. J. McCormick, F. E. Anderson, R. Roe, P. J. O'Donoghue, M. N. Madden, T. E. Reid, M. J. Cunningham, T. H. Thompson (Captain), E. McSweeney. —Reuter.

about 15 yards from the Police line. The lineout became a scrum, and the Club heeled, and Cole tried to go blind, but was well tucked into touch. The Club won the lineout and the ball went to three who immediately started to retire.

Kilvert got the ball and, seeing an open space, was sufficiently inspired to run through it to score under the posts. Police easily converted, 6-0.

This state of affairs lasted no time at all and the Police attacked immediately and Lloyd kicked ahead and found touch on the Club 25. The Police won the lineout and Stevens went off in a nice run, passed in to Moss who broke through, evaded two weak tackles(?) and scored under the posts. Carpenter converted to level the scores at 5-5.

The Police kept up the pressure and Scott had a glorious run of about 40 yards, to pass on to Moss on the Club 25. Moss tore on, but was eventually stopped by three men. From the scrum Club heeled and Cole cleared upfield.

Club won the lineout, the three fumbled and Nash took the ball and passed on to Stevens who was stopped on the Club 25. A scrum resulted, followed by a penalty to the Police for "feet up." Carpenter missed but the Club backs knocked on and a five-yard scrum was given.

**ANOTHER PENALTY**  
Another penalty to the Police again for "feet up" and Carpenter easily converted this one, 8-5.

This was the half time score and when the teams lined up again Petrie had dropped back to full back, Hickson had moved to fly half, and Penman had returned to wing forward.

In the second half the Police attacked again and again, but never quite finished off their moves. Both Carpenter and Petrie missed a difficult penalty in this half.

Lloyd nearly scored when he took the ball from the scrum, ran well, kicked ahead and missed Petrie for the ball. He beat him to it, but the loss of speed as he picked it up was sufficient for Petrie and he caught him just on the line.

A penalty came from the loose mail and the Club cleared upfield. In the last minutes the Club forwards hammered the Police defence with everything they knew, even the Club's three looking dangerous, but the Police held out, until they ran off the field the worthy winners.

The game was well controlled by Ledsam who again shone as a fair and efficient referee.

**ARMY V. NAVY**  
The first game was very even with the Navy forwards slightly better in the light than their opponents, while the position was reversed in the loose and the lineouts.

Annandale was the shining light in the Navy forwards, while Perry, Hill, and Dolan were excellent for the Army. Dolan in particular surpassed himself in the lineouts, despite his short stature catching the ball clearly against much taller opponents.

The Navy three were slightly better with Hewitt, Fleet and Merrideth outstanding while Ingall was the best in the Army. But the main difference lay in the halves. Kerr, a substitute for Brentford, played a magnificent game and was every bit as good as Brentford if not, at times, slightly better.

Brentford will probably have to struggle to retain his place against this up-and-coming fly half.

Both Brentford and Kerr are undoubtedly good halves but it is Parkinson who takes them into the class they are in. He gave a perfect display on Saturday, never got flustered, served out lovely passes, and played with his head.

The game was well run by Goldie and it was a pleasure to see.

**Reg Harris Beats World Record**  
Dortmund, Feb. 13. The British cyclist, Reg Harris, beat the world one-kilometre (standing start) world cycling record with a time of 1 min. 0.9 sec. at the Grand-sports meeting here yesterday.

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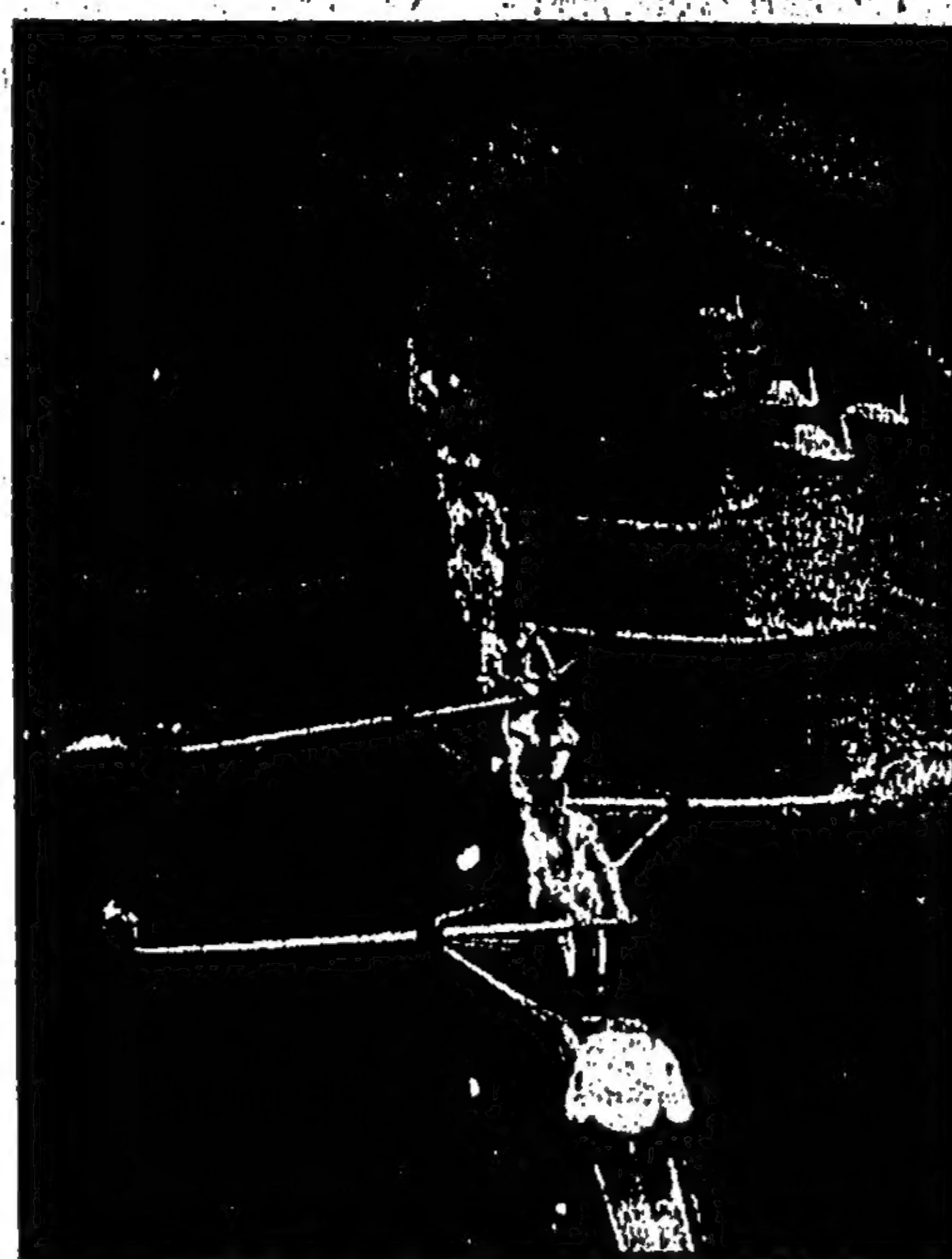
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## CANTABS PREPARE



Unhurriedly, swans glide from the urgent path of a Cambridge University eight as it shoots a bridge on the River Cam at Cambridge during training for the Boat Race on March 26. Reading from bow the crew are D. K. Hill (Jesus) Bow; P. du Bois (Trinity); M. J. H. Nightingale (Trinity); K. A. Masser (Trinity Hall); S. G. D. Tozer (Third Trinity); A. R. G. Monks (Trinity); J. J. Vernon (Trinity Hall); A. R. Muirhead (Lady Margaret) Stroke, and G. T. Harris (Jesus), Cox.—Reuterphoto.

## Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis  
Colony Grasscourt Championships at HKCC.  
Men's "A" Division: CCC v CYMCA "B".  
Fencing  
Chinese Red v H.K. Police at Central Police Station, 5.30 p.m.  
Badminton  
Colony Schoolboys' Championships at Grantham Training College, 8 p.m.

TOMORROW

Squash  
Army Championships Third Round.  
Badminton  
Men's "A" Division: CYMCA v Recrio.  
Tennis  
Colony Grasscourt Championships at HKCC.  
Monthly meeting of HK Referees' Association, Tavern NAAFI Club, 7.30 p.m.

## Canadians Set On World Ice Hockey Title

Montreal, Feb. 13. The Penticon VS left for Europe in a chartered plane tonight, determined to avenge Canada's honour in the World Hockey Championships.

"We're not coming back without the Championship," said the playing coach, Grant (Knobby) Warwick, as he shepherded his 1954 Allan Cup Champions onto the plane.

Russia won the world title last year by scoring an upset victory over Canada.

The VS chartered plane left Dorval Airport for Dusseldorf with a stop at London.

"Every man is in top shape and I'll keep them so until the last play-off," said Warwick.

Canada meets the United States in the first game of the series and finishes against Russia on March 6 at Krefeld, Germany.

The Club President, Clem Bird, said there "wasn't a chance" of Russia repeating her surprise victory of last year. The VS had been thoroughly coached in the type of play to be encountered in Europe, he said.—United Press.

## TENNIS PLAYER SWALLOWS POISON

Calro, Feb. 13. Austria's Number One tennis player, Alfred Huber, was in a serious condition in hospital here tonight after swallowing the contents of two tubes of warfarin poison.

Huber arrived at the hospital unconscious. He had taken a taxi, given the driver the address of the Anglo-American Hospital, and then fainted on the way. He has been in hospital for several months playing in the various local tournaments.—France-Press.

**BASKETBALL**  
In a friendly basketball match played yesterday at the Southern Basketball Stadium, the South China Morning Post Sports Association basketball team lost to the Chinese Team team by 34 points to 34.

## Good Marks At Indian Athletic Championships

Calcutta, Feb. 13. Two Asian Games records were improved on and 12 Indian records tumbled in the 20th National Athletic Championships which finished today at Eden Gardens here.

Havildar Sohan Singh won the 800 metres final yesterday in one minute 54.2 seconds, three-tenths of a second faster than the record time of Yoshitaka Muraya of Japan set up at last year's Asian Games at Manila.

The other performance superior to that at the Asian Games was in the 400 metres hurdles, which Jagdev Singh won in 53.8 seconds. This bettered by half a second the performance of Mirza Khan of Pakistan last year at the Asian Games.

**SERVICES DOMINATE**  
Athletes from the Services dominated the Championships, claiming top position with 148 points to 21 for Bombay, who were runners-up.

On Saturday, Lady Pinto, double sprint champion at the First Asian Games, set a national record of 21.7 seconds in the 200 metres Dash. Violet Peters a national record of 12.0 seconds in the Women's 80 Metres Hurdles, and Parduman Singh a national and Asian record of 47 feet 10 1/4 inches in the Shot Put.—Reuter.

## Olympic Winter Games Preview In Italy

Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, Feb. 13. Finland's Antti Hyvärinen won the old jump for the Cortina Trophy, scoring 221 points with 74 and 76-metre jumps from the "Italia" board to wind-up the three-day international ski events here today.

The 1954 World Cup winners, Hjalmar and Parduman Singh a national and Asian record of 47 feet 10 1/4 inches in the Shot Put.—Reuter.

The five ski events (men's 15 kilometres cross country; men's downhill, men's 30 kilometres cross country and men's jump) have been a preview for the Seventh Olympic Winter Games to be held in this Alpine paradise of the Italian Dolomites next year.

Soviet Champions pitted their skill, strength and stamina against the pick of Scandinavian ski men with the participation of Italy, Austria, France and Germany.

In the gruelling 30 kilometre cross-country event Sweden's Sten Stenlund took an early lead, over the course which twisted around the Cortina Bowl and into the adjoining valleys, but in the final leg he was overtaken by the Italian Champion, Vladimir Kuks (also a world record-holding distance runner) came through with plenty in reserve.

He covered the last 300 metres at a terrific pace, smothered out with a bounding motion, and won by a margin of 10 seconds. Time (1:11:40) 40 minutes 30 seconds.—France-Press.

## WEEK-END SOFTBALL

# PORTUGAL CATCH UP IN THE SIXTH TO DOWN PAKISTAN 9-6

Portugal emerged from behind with a 6th inning four-run rally after trailing 3-6 at the end of the 5th and finally won 9-6 over the determined Pakistanis who put up a grand fight in the International softball series semi-final yesterday. Anthony Guterres and Marcus Souza connected homers in the last inning to consolidate the victory.

Portugal started with Fernando Marques on the mound who was rather shaky. Both sides did not score in the opening frame and Portugal drew first blood in the top of the second by Cuscut Souza. Anthony Guterres tallied once in the top of the third and led 2-0.

But the Pakistanis now staged a big rally. Tiger Hussain first received a walk, stole second and advanced to third on Benny Omar's infield sacrifice hit. Jindoo Hussain, the slugger, surprised the defenders by making a squeeze bunt which not only brought Tiger Hussain home, but himself safely on first.

Sherry Buckle followed with a bunt hit which advanced Jindoo Hussain to second. A Ditta fouled out but his teammates went one station further.

A. Rakhia connected a solid hit in time to score both Jindoo and Sherry. A. K. Ismail was next passed and two costly errors made by the fielders enabled both Rakhia and Ismail to cross the plate. Though Tiger Hussain popped for the last out, the Pakistanis gained a 5-2 lead.

Now the Portuguese began to play seriously. F. Marques was replaced by Vic Pedruco in the fourth and four more veteran players sent into the line-up. Captain A. M. Ozorio led the attack with a sizzling liner and a second with his usual swiftness.

Manuel Guterres' grounder advanced him to third and an error of the fielder sent him home. But the two following batters were caught out and the Portuguese were still trailing 5-2.

During the fifth the Pakistan team added another run by A. Ditta who made a powerful drive to right field and stole second. A wild peg by the catcher, which passed the unaware fielder, sent him a-running all the way home. The following batters went out one, two, three, but now Pakistan were leading 6-3.

**VITAL SIXTH**  
It was in this vital sixth inning that the Portuguese side showed the hitting form which saved the day. Carlu Yvanovich first lobbied the sphere to the left field for a hit and made second when the fielder fumbled.

Arturo Ozorio banged out a hard one, but only to find the ball going straight into the glove of the shortstop.

Manuel Guterres lined just over the third base and put his predecessor in scoring position. Vic Pedruco popped foul and out, but Eddie Loureiro was passed to lead the bases.

Gerry Remedios was now sent in as pinch-hitter and he unfailingly connected a solid one-baser which scored both Carlu Yvanovich and Manuel Guterres. Slurpy Gualter came up next and he slammed out a hot roller which went through between the third baseman and shortstop for another hit.

Both Eddie Loureiro and Gerry Remedios were on the spur and cluster on the plate. Though Tony Guterres lofted for the third out, they had now emerged from behind to lead 7-6.

Each side went out three straight by turn and then came the ninth inning. Tony Guterres, who didn't make a hit during the game, stepped up after one night on a fat pitch and the sphere went sailing a long distance over the left fielder for a homer.

Cuscut Souza seemed inspired. He clubbed the ball to centre between the fielders and it rolled over onto the hillside.

**COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
The following are the matches in the Colony Grasscourt Tennis Championships at the HKCC this afternoon:

Singles  
Y. Khan v F. Lonne (1); R. Macpherson v S. G. Hooper (2); A. D. Barnett v G. Cooley (3); Lee King-tun v M. Prikham (4); D. Bertram v Lee Wei-tung (5); D. H. Dunford v A. C. B. Hopkins (6); Ju Po-hay v Ng Ma-tung (7); Ho Ah-ping v J. K. Jenkins (8).

**European Toboggan Championships**  
Haimenke, Lower Saxony, Feb. 13. The Austrian, Paul Aale, and Maria Beer, won the men's and women's singles European toboggan titles here today.

Albert Krauss (Germany) was second in the men's race, while Maria Beer (Austria) and Maria Leithner (Austria) were second and third in the women's event.—France-Press.

outside the boundary. When the ball was collected and thrown in he had already dented the rubber.

Tiger Hussain of Pakistan first came up for their last turn and he obtained a safety. He successfully stole second and advanced to third when Benny Omar lobbed into right for a sacrifice. However, his hasty run for home resulted in a put out at plate and a double play for the opposing side which seemed to have ruined a golden chance for a tie.

Though Jindoo Hussain was passed next, Sherry Buckle's infield pop was the last out in the gruelling game. The final score was 9-6 in favour of Portugal.

Winning pitcher Vic Pedruco gave up only two hits for his six innings played. He whiffed two and passed one. Fernando Marques, the starting mounder, also yielded two safeties during his three-inning service. He walked six and struck out none.

Losing slasher Sherry Buckle went all the way. He issued eight hits, five free tickets and fanned none. The Portugal side was only a shade better in

holding as a total of eight errors were charged on them as against ten for the Pakistan side.

**WALKOVER**  
The only Senior "A" League game slated between the Dolawares and CAA in the morning was a disappointment as the latter could not field a team on time and had to concede a walkover to the Tribesmen.

In the Ladies' tournaments, the rookie Overseas Ladies were no match for the veteran Wahoes 'A'. The Owls won 17-0 in five innings.

Colleen Bees succumbed to the CAA Ladies 7-11. The Bees started well and were leading at the end of the fifth by 5-3. However, the Lady Athletics suddenly came to life during the sixth and they collected five hits in a row and chalked up six runs to turn the tide. Both made two runs in the last inning. Shirley Cheng of the Bees connected a two-run homer.

Saturday results were Pandas won the Wah Ying 15-11. P. I. Dodgers whipped the South China Jr. 13-3. Lynxes defeated the Sevens 11-7.

**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SEVENTH RACE MEETING**  
Saturday 12th & Saturday 19th February, 1955.  
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club).

**THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES.**  
The First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.  
The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

**MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE**  
NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.  
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.  
Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.  
Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).  
NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**  
The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.  
Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.  
MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

**SERVANTS**  
Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

**CASH SWEEPS**  
Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$18.00 each for the second day of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices during normal office hours until 11.00 a.m. on 19th February.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.  
Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.  
The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Carter Road), 5, D'Almeida Street and 382, Nathan Road during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on both days of the Meeting.

**SPECIAL CASH SWEEP**  
Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 9th April, 1955, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

**TOTALISATOR**  
Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.  
ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER. NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.  
PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.  
Bookmakers, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,  
H. MISA,  
Secretary.



...this situation  
calls for a  
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## Foreign Imports Recapturing U.S. Giftware Market.

New York, Feb. 13. Foreign imports are recapturing an increasing share of the U.S. giftware market, according to a survey released here today.

A nationwide canvass of American giftware and giftware departments, including suburban shopping centres and department store chains, reveals that imported merchandise now accounts for 30-70 per cent of the total sales volume in "finer" gift shops, and 30-40 per cent of the "better" department store giftware sales.

## RELIEF FROM COLD WAVE EXPECTED IN AMERICA

Chicago, Feb. 13. Warm southwest breezes took the edge off the bitter cold wave in the Middle West today and promised relief for the shivering East and South.

The coldest weather of the season gripped Florida, but temperatures failed to go as low as expected and the State's \$50,000,000 citrus crop was spared.

Further north in Florida, however, the mercury skidded below freezing and vegetable farmers kept heaters going in the fields during the night trying to save their crops.

The numbing sub-zero cold in the Middle West was chased by warm air from Texas, which pushed on into the Central and Southern Appalachians. Mid-Western temperatures climbed up into the 20s and were due to reach the 30s by tomorrow.

### MARDI GRAS

At New Orleans the start of Mardi Gras dawned with a temperature of 35 degrees, but it was due to soar to 55 by late afternoon.

Some of the coldest weather lingered in the East, with sub-zero readings in Northern New England and across the Upper Mississippi Valley. New York City shivered in a low of 13-5 degrees.

Western Pennsylvania had lows of zero to six above and two big fires were reported in the Pittsburgh area. At McKeesport, Pennsylvania, two commercial buildings were destroyed and a row of four apartment buildings were destroyed at Carnegie. No one was killed.

At Fort Dodge, Iowa, a warehouse containing 250,000 pounds of crude rubber owned by the Government was destroyed by fire.

Fires breaking out in the widespread cold wave had killed at least 40 persons in the country.

### HOME FIRE

One of the latest tragedies was the death of a mother and her three young daughters in a home fire at Princeton, Indiana.

Skies were generally fair in the cold belt today, allowing the sun to help boost temperatures. Ohio, however, had from four to eight inches of snow along with below-zero weather and some snow drifts were reported nine feet deep.

At Columbus, Ohio, the city was running out of salt to spread on the streets because a new shipment was delayed by slippery roads.—United Press.

## Himalayan Expeditions Leave U.K.

Liverpool, Feb. 13. Two British expedition parties left on the liner Circe yesterday to tackle two towering Himalayan mountains.

A nine-man team under Dr. Charles Adams will try to scale 28,100-foot high Kanchenjunga. Dr. Adams was a member of Brigadier Sir John Hunt's expedition which climbed Mount Everest in 1953.

The other expedition of five men will tackle 23,440-foot Gauri Sankar and will map hitherto uncharted areas. This group is led by Alfred Gregory, another of the victorious Everest team.—United Press.

New York, Feb. 13.

The survey was prepared by Mr. Charles Smith, President of the Third U.S. International Gift Fancie Goods Show, Incorporated. Over 150 different categories of merchandise will be on exhibit at the trade fair to be held in New York City August 21-26.

The survey found that the sale of imports has risen to a point where it currently accounts for 20 per cent of the total retail gift volume in "medium-priced" department stores.

Over 100 different categories of imported gift and fancy goods are being sold in giftware departments. These include ceramics, porcelain, leather, flatware, glassware, wooden furniture, wools and textiles.—United Press.

## BANANA PROBLEMS BEING SORTED OUT

Kingston, Feb. 13. Shipping and marketing problems affecting the Jamaican banana industry are being "sorted out," according to Mr. Richard P. Williams, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the All Island Banana Growers Association.

"Considerable progress" has been made in improving ripening rooms in the United Kingdom, and the different techniques required to ripen the Lacaute variety satisfactorily is now generally recognised.

Experiments in treating banana skins to protect them against wastage due to bruising and stem-rot types of infection that damage the fruit during shipment and ripening, have also been carried out.

Mr. Williams was reporting to the annual general meeting of the AIBG.—China Mail Special.

## Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Feb. 14. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14
British Indian Petroleum	32 1/2	32 1/2
Leum Syndicate	32 1/2	32 1/2
Consolidated Tin	30 3/4	30 3/4
Fraser and Neave Ltd.	11 1/2	11 1/2
Ordinary issue	11 1/2	11 1/2
Fraser and Neave Ltd.	11 1/2	11 1/2
10% cum. div.	11 1/2	11 1/2
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	111 1/2	111 1/2
Colonial Bankers	111 1/2	111 1/2
Malayan Breweries	43 1/2	44 1/2
Hongkong Hotel	43 1/2	44 1/2
Singapore Cold Storage	11 1/2	11 1/2
South Insurance	26 1/2	26 1/2
Strait Trading	26 1/2	26 1/2
Strait Steamship	16 1/2	16 1/2
United Engineers	11 1/2	11 1/2
Ordinary issue	11 1/2	11 1/2
Warner Brothers	43 1/2	44 1/2
Hongkong Tin	11 1/2	11 1/2
Petaling Tin	11 1/2	11 1/2
Sum-diy. Cum-dividend issue	11 1/2	11 1/2
Twelfth div.	11 1/2	11 1/2

—China Mail Special.

## Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Feb. 13. In spite of better London and New York advice the market eased slightly on profit-taking and lack of interest via some sections of trade. Saturday future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Feb.	104 1/2-105 1/2
Mar.	104 1/2-105 1/2
No. 2 rubber per lb. Feb.	104 1/2-105 1/2
Mar.	104 1/2-105 1/2
No. 3 rubber per lb. Feb.	102 1/2-103 1/2
Mar.	102 1/2-103 1/2
Spot rubber unbleached	104 1/2-105 1/2
No. 1 pale crepe	104 1/2-105 1/2
No. 2 pale crepe	104 1/2-105 1/2

—United Press.

Helsinki, Feb. 13. The salaries of Finnish Cabinet Ministers will be increased from one million marks (about £1,560) to 1,734,000 marks (about £2,800) a year under a Government bill to be presented shortly.

The Prime Minister's salary will be increased to 5,081,000 marks (about £8,220).—China Mail Special.

# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## POSTWAR STERLING BALANCES

### Present Level Should Not Present Any Convertibility Obstacle

From Ronald Bqxall

London, Feb. 13.

A leading British economic review, *The Banker*, has thrown new light on one of the most controversial subjects of the postwar period—the sterling balances.

The existence of the balances—which represent Britain's short term liabilities to the rest of the world—was one of the factors that wrecked the attempt to restore convertibility in 1947. And for several years afterwards it remained one of the most potent arguments against any repetition of that disastrous experiment.

But although they are considerably larger now than at the end of the war these balances are no longer a potential danger. The reason is that Britain, in its role of international banker, is in a much sounder position.

## WEEKLY N.Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 13.

Cotton futures fluctuated narrowly in quiet dealings this week but were on the defensive most of the time.

At Friday's close the list ruled 6 to 12 points—30 to 60 cents a bale—lower than the preceding week.

News from the Far East and the Russian developments were taken in stride and had little apparent market effect. Com-marketing market observers said there was little use in trying to draw conclusions pending further international developments.

The deterrent in futures, traders said, could be laid to the lack of speculative interest, plus uncertainty over the approaching maturity of the March contract.

### MAIN ACTIVITY

In fact, the week's main activity was centred in intra-changing of March contracts for the later positions between spot firms, commission houses and miscellaneous traders.

The increasing build-up in the certificated stock to 60,010 bales, a gain of around 20,000 bales since early January, and the current open position of around 470,000 bales, carried the possibility of heavy trades, traders believed.

Washington news awaited on nothing conclusive, and traders awaited the outcome of Congressional hearings on proposals to increase the acreage allotment to relieve so-called hardship cases.

One plan proposed a three per cent increase in the 1955 acreage allotment—approximately 640,000 acres. The Agriculture Department has already proclaimed the 1955 allotment at 18,183,000 acres. This compared with the 1955 allotment at 16,183,000 acres. Each state, under the proposal, would be given a three per cent increase in its share of the allotment.—United Press.

## U.S. RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Feb. 13. Raw cotton exports by destinations as reported in bales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1954-55 season to Feb. 8 were as follows:

Britain	1,000,000
Continental	1,000,000
Japan	1,000,000
U.S.A.	1,000,000
Others	1,000,000
Total	5,000,000

Same period last year: 2,621,125 bales.—United Press.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local financial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1)	130 1/2
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At the end of the war sterling balances, totalling £3,200 million, were backed by gold and dollar reserves of only £453 million. The ratio of short-term assets to short-term liabilities was therefore only about 14 per cent. But although the balances had grown to £3,823 million by the end of last June, gold and dollar backing for them had grown even more, to £1,078 million—a cash ratio, to use a banker's term, of about 28 per cent.

But this comparison understates the improvement that has taken place in Britain's position since the end of the war. Then balances held by non-sterling countries were twice as great as gold reserves.

### HALF AS BIG

Now the reserves are nearly half as big again as holdings of non-sterling countries.

But a straight comparison on these lines is, in fact, quite meaningless, says *The Banker*, for it sets the total of liabilities against the merely cash assets. Sterling balances are held in part as working balances for the use of financial and commercial transactions in Britain. Britain correspondingly maintains short-term assets in foreign banks overseas though by reason of sterling's position as an international currency to a considerably smaller extent.

As sterling has grown stronger the review continues, and the uses to which it can be put have been extended with the relaxation of controls and the reopening of the foreign exchange, bullion and other commodity markets so the position of sterling balances held from choice rather than obligation has increased.

The upshot, says *The Banker*, is that today it is safer to say that the great bulk of the balances, however freely they are disposable, would not, in fact, constitute a threat to reserves—short of catastrophic failure of world confidence in the pound.

### OFFSET

The growth of sterling balances has, therefore, been more than offset by the increase in the amount of currency that the rest of the world needs to keep as a working balance. Indeed, for some countries the surplus of pounds has given place to a shortage. But there is one group of countries which have greatly increased their sterling holdings—the colonies.

Expansion in their holdings—£670 million immediately after the war to £1,189 million in mid-1954—was due to a number of influences: the rise in the general reserve of the colonies, increased holdings of currency boards as backing for their note issues, and the growing scale of colonial business and commercial enterprises, necessitating larger deposits in the United Kingdom banks.

According to an estimate by *The Banker*, the largest colonial holders of sterling balances at the end of June were West Africa with £400 million, Malaya with £300 million, East and Central Africa with £200 million and Hongkong with £120 million.

### BOARD HOLDINGS

The size of the West African holding reflects in part the amount held on account by marketing boards, notably those dealing in cocoa. The latest available figures for the end of 1952 put their holdings at £145 million. They are undoubtedly much greater today.

These reserves, says *The Banker*, provide a valuable cushion against a big fall in commodity prices. There is, however, the immediate prospect of such a movement and the review believes boards should pay prices to producers that correspond more closely to those they themselves secure—and thereby encourage greater production at just those times when it can be absorbed on world markets.

### LOCAL BACKING

Greater speed with which development programmes are now proceeding and the Colonial Office's intention that it might permit a "small part" of the balances now held in London as backing for local note issues to be transferred into locally issued securities, should in any case tend to cause a decline in the sterling balances. In general *The Banker* is well pleased with the position. "The conversion of the sterling balances problem from the realm of the ominous to that of the normal banking practice," it says, "is due to the fact that behind the potential claims on Britain's resources lies not only a strengthened gold and dollar reserve but a greatly increased volume of production and export potential."

## WEEKLY N.Y. STOCK MARKET

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Feb. 13.

Stocks continued their long ascent this past week after a bit of setback when Russia changed premiers.

Many in the market seized upon the fall of Malenkov to sell stocks on Tuesday. The result was a decline of 3.89 points in the industrial average after it had dipped 17 cents on Monday.

On Tuesday Wall Street reappraised the Russian incident and found it had little that might be of market significance. Stocks turned around and moved up with such vigour that the losses of the previous two days were more than wiped out. Except for falls—off Friday—the rise continued through the week.

Trading increased over the previous week with daily sales averaging 3,421,586 shares against 3,254,201 shares the week before.

### INDUSTRIALS

The Dow-Jones Industrial closed the week at 413.99, up 4.23 points and a record closing high; railroads, 145.52, up 2.15 points off about a point from the high since 1930 Jan. 3; utilities, 63.66, up 85 cents and a new high since 1931.

The cold weather in many parts of the nation helped oil issues because of the heavy sales of fuel oil. They were prominent in several sessions.

Speculators and investors alike continued to favour the war stocks although they were turning to other departments late in the week.

Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) strengthened when its subsidiary Crooke petroleum split its stock and ran up 21 points on the week.

General Dynamics was the wide mover on the share market. It gained 14 1/2 points on the week. There were several other wide movers, including Republic Steel in its department, Aluminum Co., and Johns-Manville.

As the market continued its rise, there was talk of a possible increase in margin requirements and probably some further pressure on market credit.—United Press.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$885,020.75. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

### SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

DANIES

HK Bank ... 2140 2 2135

INSURANCES

Union ... 965

Lombard ... 40 30

SHIPPING

Waterport ... 20 20

DOCKS, ETC.

HK Hotel ... 1715

Dock ... 200

Provident (O) 15 40 15 1500 15 1515

Wheelock ... 7 30 7 3000 7 3115

LAND, ETC.

HK Hotel ... 1515 15 40 15 1500 15 1515

HK Land ... 15 40 15 1500 15 1515

Humphreys ... 2315

Really ... 2 205 4000 2 2025

UTILITIES

Yam ... 2115 2000 2 2140

Ferry ... 185 100 15 185

C. Light (O) 17 70 17 10 17 10 17 10

C. Light (N) 14 00 300 14 00 300

Electric ... 2715 30 425 2 2715

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## Malenkov Was Almost Ignored

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Feb. 13.

Even Mr. Malenkov could not knock the London stock markets out of their stride for long. News of his resignation, carrying with it the possibility (to put it no higher) of a tougher Russian policy towards the West, reinforced other adverse influences and heightened a prevalent feeling of uncertainty. But the week's price falls were comparatively modest and at least partly attributable to other factors.

The Russian situation, the fall of the pound to its lowest level for several years and the fact that millions of pounds of investment money was tied up in the new issues all these had a depressing effect on prices.

The market had plenty to contend with. But investors did not rush to sell. They merely stopped buying. And when prices were marked down they were quickly snapped up by bargain hunters. By the end of the week things were looking much brighter and shares were on the up-grade again.

The further fall in the pound started the City talking about the possibility of another rise in the bank rate and this caused a noticeable deepening of the depression over the gilt-edged market.

War loan 3 1/2 per cent touched 10, the lowest point for about a year and left a decline which spread through undated issues to nationalisation and even short-dated stocks. But prices began to move up on Thursday and further gains were recorded next day.

NEW ISSUES

New issues provided a strong counter attraction to industrial shares last week. Subscription lists for Whitehead Iron and Steel Company's shares were opened for only one minute after one of the biggest rushes the City has seen for many years for a new issue.

And while they awaited the result of this issue investors were getting ready for a number of others that are on the way. To name just a few of the big companies that are seeking new capital: General Electric want £10 1/2 million, Electrical and Musical Industries (H. M. V. firm) want over £5 million, Messina (Transvaal) Development Company want £2 1/2 million and Truman, Hambury, Buxton, the brewers, want £1 1/2 million.

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